

Remarks

The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2-7 and 9 contain allowable subject matter. In the interest of moving the application quickly to allowance, the Applicants have canceled claims 1, 8, 10, and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, and 5, which depended from claim 1, have been rewritten in independent form. Also, claim 9, which depended from claim 8, has been rewritten in independent form. In light of these amendments, the Applicants believe that claims 2-7 and 9 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request Notice of the same. Since the Applicants paid for one additional independent claim in connection with their response filed on October 17, 2005, no additional fees are believed due in connection with the foregoing amendment.

If any further issues remain after this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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